

## Green Up Day: Saturday, May 2, 2015

Green Up Day is a statewide event that brings community volunteers of all ages together to clean up Burlington's parks, streets and public lands. Held on the first Saturday of May, this event is family friendly, and a great way to get involved in our community. With a combined effort, residents of a neighborhood can make drastic improvements to their surroundings in just one day.



Large-scale cleanups make work fun and provide the opportunity for you and your neighbors to get to know each other. Developing pride and investing in cleanup work will inspire everyone to help keep Burlington beautiful. You can organize teams to work areas of your choice. Go with family, neighbors, friends or work alone.

**This year, Green Up Day Bags will be available between Monday, April 27<sup>th</sup> and Friday, May 1<sup>st</sup>, during regular business hours, at the following locations:**

- **Burlington City Hall, CEDO office → 149 Church Street, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor**
- **The Department of Public Works → 645 Pine Street**
- **The Miller Center → 130 Gosse Court**
- **Burlington Subaru → 351 Shelburne Road**
- **The Sustainability Academy → 123 North Street**
- **The ReSOURCE Center → 266 Pine Street**

On the day-of, Green Up Bags will be available for pick-up from 9am-12pm at:

- The Sustainability Academy → 123 North Street
- Burlington Subaru → 351 Shelburne Road
- Salmon Hole Park → Parking Area, Riverside Avenue before the Winooski Bridge

Bags can be dropped off along these main corridors between 9am and 12pm:

- Riverside Avenue
- Pearl Street
- North Street
- North Avenue
- Pine Street
- Shelburne Road

The Department of Public Works and Parks and Recreation will have trucks circling the city's GUD routes, picking up the collected trash throughout the day. Full bags of trash should be tied up and placed in one of the designated drop-off corridors. Green Up Day allows us to deal with this litter free of charge for **ONE DAY ONLY from 9am to 12pm.**

Any scrap metal or tires should be kept separate, not in bags, and placed in a pile on the same GUD drop-off. They will then be collected and recycled by City trucks.

**Recycling:** Unfortunately, most of the recyclable items (bottles and cans) on the ground are covered in dirt and salt and are therefore not recyclable without a good rinse. If you are interested in recycling these items, this can only happen through your own initiative by taking these items to a water source to be rinsed and placed in CLEAR garbage bags. These clear bags can be placed along the truck route at a designated "GUD" sign.

**Hazardous Waste:** We recommend strongly that volunteers not collect any hazardous waste on Green Up Day. It is risky to handle hazardous waste without information about the contents and/or condition of container. Hazardous waste includes but is not limited to auto materials such as antifreeze, oil, paint, ammonia, bleach, pesticides, batteries, and propane cylinders. Please do not handle needles, instead email [eauchincloss@burlingtonvt.gov](mailto:eauchincloss@burlingtonvt.gov) with the location and they will be dealt with appropriately.

Tips for a fun and successful morning:

- Dress appropriately- it will happen rain or shine
- Apply sunscreen and wear a hat and sunglasses if the sun is shining
- Carry with you plenty of water
- If you have heavy garden gloves, wear them.

For additional State information, please visit:

[http://www.greenupvermont.org/?page\\_id=16](http://www.greenupvermont.org/?page_id=16)

For Burlington-specific question please contact:

[eauchincloss@burlingtonvt.gov](mailto:eauchincloss@burlingtonvt.gov)

For information on Burlington Subaru's role please visit:

<http://www.subaruvt.com/community/green-up-day-vermont.htm>